

I am a registered voter who is opposed to the relaxation of ownership rules being proposed by the FCC. Please do not change these important regulations, which support democratic free expression and the efficiency of the free market. The airwaves are the property of the people - don't sell them out to the corporations, they already have more than a fair share of the airwaves. More consolidation will only lead to job loss and less real choice and differentiating opinions.

The deregulation of radio has already led to small town radio station job loss with stations being put on auto-pilot play lists. There is also danger to the communities when an emergency strikes and there is no one manning the station to put out an alert - which has already happened. In particular, how would stations respond to Amber Alerts - which Congress just mandated for the entire country - if no one is manning the station?

Even media mogul Ted Turner opposes the proposed changes - and he represents the group most likely to benefit from the proposed changes. Even Ted Turner recognizes that the proposed changes will limit freedom of speech and expression, key elements of our country's fabric and heritage.